

MEDIA RELEASE

Unique opportunity for Port Augusta, now represented by two MPs

Following the recent Election and the remapping of electoral boundaries, Port Augusta has been split across the Spencer Gulf, with the electorate of Stuart representing the East side and Giles the Westside.

"Having an electoral boundary within the city has presented an opportunity for greater representation of Port Augusta issues if the two MP's work together." Mayor Brett Benbow stated.

Mayor Benbow has moved quickly and invited the newly elected MPs to meet with him as soon as possible to work through local issues across Port Augusta.

"Council clearly identified and articulated the inequity in funding for the Australian Arid Lands Botanical Garden and I am looking forward to discussing the funding commitment with Eddie Hughes MP." Mayor Benbow stated.

"The Council has previously resolved to discontinue its direct operation of the City Safe programme and we have made this position clear; however, we have also strongly advocated for better policy, services, coordination and SAPOL action to address antisocial behaviour in consultation with the aboriginal community. We welcome the state governments funding commitment to address these issues and I look forward to working with both Members of Parliament." Mayor Benbow stated.

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